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BRAINERD, MINN., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1906.

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MOROCCAN BANDIT ARROGANT.

Raisuli Makes Insulting Reply to American Minister's Protest.

Tangier, Dec. 19.—Mr. Gummere, the American minister, in protesting to Ben Mansur, the representative of the Bandit Raisuli against the beating of a native boy by adherents of Raisuli, of which Mr. Gummere was an eye witness, received a most arrogant response. Mr. Gummere thereupon retired in order not to exaggerate the incident.

The sultan's reply to the collective note of the diplomatic corps says it is his intention to suppress disorders. He regrets the abuse of authority by Raisuli and expresses a firm desire for execution of the reforms decided upon by the Algeiras conference.

In reply to the answer of the sultan, the diplomatic corps unanimously demanded Raisuli's departure.

WILL REPUDIATE CONFESSION.

Custis Jett Declares He Did Not Murder Cockrill.

Cynthiana, Ky., Dec. 19.—In the trial of Curtis Jett, charged with the assassination of James Cockrill, town marshal of Jackson, Breathitt county, four years ago, which was called Monday, 100 men have been examined for jury service. Nine have been accepted, all others being excluded.

Jett states that he will go on the stand and deny the truth of his confession made several months ago to Attorney J. Stanley Webster of Cynthiana in which he confessed to the murder of James B. Marcum and James Cockrill, saying he was led to confess because of pressure brought to bear on him by the attorneys. He says there was absolutely no truth in the confession.

Big Nuggets in Australia.

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—Several big nuggets were discovered recently near Tarnagulla, and two were found Monday weighing respectively 967 and 373 ounces, the largest seen in Australia in forty years.

Deathbed Statement Barred.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—In the preliminary examination of John Wilkins, charged with manslaughter, in the death of Dora Johnson, Judge Donovan ruled out the girl's deathbed statement alleging that Wilkins was guilty.

REPORT OF METCALF

TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

JAPANESE TO BE PROTECTED

THOSE IN CALIFORNIA GUARANTEED PROTECTION FROM ALL VIOLENCE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate devoted nearly four hours to the consideration of unobjectionable bills on its calendar. The result was the passage of a number of measures of minor importance. Among those passed was one authorizing a government loan of \$1,000,000 to the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition company and another providing for an investigation of the industrial, social, moral, educational and physical condition of women and child workers in the United States by the department of commerce and labor.

A special message from the president transmitting the report of Secretary Metcalf on conditions in San Francisco in connection with the anti-Japanese agitation was read.

The president's message says Mr. Metcalf's report deals with three matters of controversy—the exclusion of Japanese children from the public schools of San Francisco, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants and acts of violence committed against the Japanese.

The Japanese children, the president says, are bright and clean and because they are scattered all over San Francisco it would be impossible for them to go to one special school. There could be no objection, the president says, to excluding Japanese from schools on the score of age, it being obviously not desirable that young men go to school with children. The number of Japanese children attending the school in San Francisco was very small. The government has brought suit to test the separate school act.

Regarding violence to Japanese, the president states that the sentiment in California is for law and order, and the San Francisco authorities assured Mr. Metcalf that the Japanese would be protected. Should they fail so to do, the president informed them that both the civil and military force of the United States would be employed to protect the Japanese.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

Passed by the House as It Came From the Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—During the session of the house the Indian appropriation bill was passed practically as it came from the committee on Indian affairs.

The early morning session was devoted to the consideration of District of Columbia business.

The exodus of members has already commenced for the Christmas holidays, the vacant desks during the consideration of the Indian bill and the consideration of District of Columbia business silently indicating that the yuletide is near.

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MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Verdict of Jury in the Case of Henry Sussman at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—The jury in the case of Henry Sussman, on trial for the murder of his wife in the Glenwood hotel here on Sept. 26, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. This, under the statute, carries with it a life imprisonment penalty.

Sussman, in court prior to the announcement of the verdict, and for some time afterwards, showed that he was under a great nervous strain. He had partially recovered himself when taken out of the courtroom and was heard to remark:

"This is a h— of a Christmas present to give a fellow."

Notwithstanding this expression the opinion is that Sussman was relieved in hearing the verdict.

The jury at the outset were divided into three sections—one favoring murder in the first degree, another murder in the second degree and a third manslaughter in the first degree.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR BROWN.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 19.—The body of former United States Senator Arthur Brown, who was shot and killed in Washington recently by Mrs. Anna Bradley, has been buried here. The only relatives present were Mrs. Alice, a daughter, and Max Brown, a son. Mrs. Annie A. Adams, who is said to have been engaged to marry Mr. Brown, did not come to Salt Lake.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Rendered by Secretary Straus on Immigration.

Washington, Dec. 19.—An important decision has been rendered by Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor as to the right of a state to induce immigration to that state. The decision holds, in brief, that, in the circumstances, there is no violation of the immigration laws or of the law to prohibit the importation of alien contract laborers in the action of the state of South Carolina, in this particular case, in encouraging immigration to that state or paying the necessary expenses of the immigrants in going to the state.

On Nov. 4, 1906, a steamer arrived from Bremen at the port of Charleston, S. C., having on board about 475 aliens destined to various parts of the state of South Carolina. About 300 of these aliens were Belgian mill operatives, their wives and children, the remainder being German farm laborers and women seeking domestic service. All of these aliens were induced to migrate to the United States by South Carolina, the state acting through the medium of its commissioner of agriculture, commerce and immigration, who went to Europe to induce desirable immigrants to go to the state. The passage money was paid by the state.

The state commissioner of immigration found employment for the aliens and distributed them to various points in the state.

The facts were brought to the attention of the secretary of commerce and labor by the immigration officer at the port of Charleston, S. C., and he in turn referred the matter to the solicitor of the department for his opinion as to whether or not the action of the commissioner of immigration of South Carolina in bringing these aliens to the United States was a violation of the alien contract labor laws.

Solicitor Earl decided that there had been no violation of the national law by the authorities of South Carolina.

SOLDIERS ATTACK CONDUCTOR.

Fire a Volley at a Street Car Man in Florida.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 19.—Charges have been preferred by a conductor of a train from Pensacola to Fort Barrancas, alleging that soldiers at that post fired on his car from ambush at 10 o'clock at night.

Officers of the post are investigating the trouble. The conductor avers that on leaving Pensacola for the fort, a distance of ten miles, he had trouble with an artilleryman about his fare. When he attempted to eject the soldier from the car, his comrades rushed to his assistance, and one of them threatened the conductor with a club.

The street car man drew a revolver and stood off the soldiers, however. The artilleryman who caused the trouble was placed under arrest by the civil authorities. On reaching Barrancas, the soldiers, about twenty in number, alighted. The car stops ten minutes at the fort before beginning the return trip. The conductor avers that within a short distance from the post on the return, a volley was fired at him. He was on the rear platform and alighted, returning the fire with his revolver. He says his assailants, who he recognized as soldiers, then fled.

TAFT'S REPORT ON CUBA.

Highly Praised by the Newspapers of Havana.

Havana, Dec. 19.—The report of Secretary of War Taft on Cuba is published at great length in all the newspapers here. The Diario de la Marina says the three most important features of the report are the adverse opinion as to war damages, the question of the distribution of offices and the expression of the hope for the restoration of the Cuban government on a basis more permanent than that of the Palma administration.

La Discusion highly praises the document, which it calls "the most notable since the impartial and honorable report of the American commissioners."

Politicians generally are unwilling to discuss the report, preferring to await the coming message from President Roosevelt, which is looked for with the keenest interest.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Charles Albertus and Family Did Not Perish in Thoroughfare Accident.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—By the arrest of Charles Albertus, who together with his wife and child were reported drowned in the Thoroughfare accident at Atlantic City on Oct. 28, the supposed disappearance of the three bodies has been cleared up. Albertus, it is alleged, had caused a telegram to be sent to his parents in Norristown, Pa., saying that he and his wife and child had lost their lives in the accident in which over sixty persons perished.

Thaw to Be Tried Next Month.

New York, Dec. 19.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on Jan. 21 on a charge of the murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger.

THE SCARCITY OF FUEL

COMMERCE COMMISSION'S ADVICES SHOW THAT IT IS WIDESPREAD.

REPORTS NOT EXAGGERATED

SITUATION IN SEVERAL TOWNS IN NORTH DAKOTA FOUND TO BE SERIOUS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Startling have been the revelations which have been forthcoming before the hearings of the interstate commerce commission in this city. Also the commission has been startled by the replies received to the telegrams of inquiry sent out to the country, which is suffering from lack of fuel as well as lack of cars to transport their grain to market. A scarcity of fuel widespread, far-reaching in effect and serious in the extreme is indicated. Reports of general but not specific conditions that preceded the investigation, suggested the probability of early alarm and probably over solicitude, and even the possibility of exaggeration, but the commission's own advices show that there has been no general overstatement of the situation and that it is a matter of first importance. The testimony regarding car shortage, delays in transit and their effect has brought out matter indicating a condition of affairs in the general sense even more worthy of attention than the commission had at first supposed when they decided to take up the inquiry.

Commissioner Lane read a batch of telegrams from North Dakota points answering an inquiry from the commission as to the coal situation at those towns. These answers came from the following named towns: New Rockford, Maddock, Courtney, Glenburn, West Hope, Sherwood, Dazey, Mohall, Aneta, Knox, Hannaford, Galesburg, Barlow and Rugby.

The report was substantially the same from all these towns. A shortage of coal, in many instances the supply absolutely exhausted, and suffering either imminent or actually upon the people.

To these telegrams the commission replied: "The Great Northern and Northern Pacific promise to immediately deliver coal ordered by your people from Duluth."

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern road, arrived late in the day to attend the hearing and appear as a witness, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided that Mr. Hill would be called in the morning.

Coal Famine About Ended.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 19.—The coal famine in Nevada is about at an end. In answer to an appeal from the people of the mining camps and railroad towns several carloads of coal have been shipped from here. Tonopah, Goldfield and other mining centers have been without coal for several days and much suffering resulted.

Fuel Famine in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 19.—A fuel famine prevails here. There is no oil and the gas and electric companies have shut down. The company is not prepared to use wood. The people must resort to wood for cooking and heat and kerosene and candle lights.

OFFERED SERVIAN THRONE.

Prince Arthur of Connaught Twice Refused the Crown.

London, Dec. 19.—In connection with the recent rumors of a plot to place Prince Arthur of Connaught on the Servian throne, M. Mijatovitch, ex-Servian minister in London, in a published interview admits that twice within a year delegates from Belgrade have vainly endeavored to interest him in the proposal, asserting that King Peter could be induced to abdicate peaceably in favor of an English prince. M. Mijatovitch said he declined to have anything to do with such a fantastic suggestion, but declares there is a definite political party in Servia favoring a change in the dynasty.

OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED.

Fire at Paterson, N. J., Causes Loss of About \$250,000.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 19.—Fire that originated in the Butler Opera House destroyed that building, as well as the two adjoining structures, causing a loss of about \$250,000.

In a hardware store under the opera house was stored a large quantity of powder. By heroic work on the part of the firemen some of the powder was taken from the building. The remainder exploded and added the flames to the destruction of the theater.

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Men's fancy mixed Suits, silk thread, latest style, reg. \$15.00	\$12.50
Men's all wool, double breasted, brown mix, latest style, reg. \$15	\$12.00
Men's all wool, hard finish worsted, in double and single breasted, in different patterns, \$12.50, sale	\$10
Men's all wool black worsted clay worth \$15.00, special	\$10.00
Men's fancy mix, worth \$10.00 sells for	\$7.50
Men's fancy worsted and fancy brown mix	\$6.50
Men's half wool and half cotton	\$5.00

Men's Underwear

Cotton fleeced Underwear, regular 50c for	45c
Lambsdown fleece, regular \$1.00, sells at	75c
All wool, good quality, per garment	\$1.00
All wool, better grade, per garment	\$2.00
Australian all wool of fine quality, per suit	\$5.00

Men's Half Hose

Men's half hose	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00

Men's Mittens

Men's mittens	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.50

Men's and Boys' Caps

Men's and Boys' cnps	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

Men's Sweaters

Men's Sweaters	\$1.00
"	\$1.50
"	\$2.00
"	\$3.00
"	\$4.00
"	\$5.00

Men's Work Shirts

Men's Work shirts	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

Men's Ger. Socks

Men's German Socks	25c
"	35c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25

Men's Overcoats

Men's black all wool Kersey, swell coat, regular \$18.00 seller	\$12.50
Men's brown mix, in all wool, very special regular \$15.00 seller	\$10
Men's in a green mix Kersey, all wool, \$15.00 quality, special	\$10
Men's black and blue Beaver in good quality at very low price	\$10
Men's black \$8.50 coats, special	\$6.50

Boys' Over Coats

All wool, same as men's in brown and green mixed	\$8.00
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Boys' Reefers

All wool, blue-black Kersey, with large pearl button, red flannel lin'g	\$4.50
Boys' regular \$5.00 quality for	\$4.00
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Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	20c
Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	50c
Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	75c
Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	\$1

Mufflers

Silk Mufflers	\$1
Silk Mufflers	\$1.00
Silk Mufflers	\$2
Silk Mufflers	\$2.00
Silk Mufflers	\$3

Vests

Fancy Vests	\$1
Fancy Vests	\$1.25
Fancy Vests	\$1.50
Fancy Vests	\$2
Fancy Vests	\$2.50
Fancy Vests	\$3

Suspenders

Fancy Suspenders	50c
Fancy Suspenders	75c
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Fancy Suspenders	\$1.25
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Boys'

Patent Colt Blucher	\$3
Vici Kid Blucher	\$3
Boys' shoes in all leathers from	\$1.15 to \$2.50

Girl's

Patent Vici Kid	\$3
Vici Kid	\$2.50
Low heel, sizes from 2 to 5½	\$2.00
All varieties	95c to \$1.75

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Simplified spelling, President Roosevelt's trip to Panama, adjustment of affairs in Cuba, discharge of the negro battalion, the recent elections, exploits of modern financiers and most of the matters which have recently figured in the news of the day made sport at the first winter dinner of the Gridiron club of Washington the other night, says the New York Herald. Captains of industry mingled with President Roosevelt's captains of the administration. The president was the principal guest.

Each guest at the dinner found beside his plate a handsome volume, entitled "The Simple Speller and Gridiron Dictionary," to which was attached this menu of the dinner, "spelled in accordance with the barbarous methods which have now become obsolete." The dictionary abounded in truths as well as simplified spelling. The Gridironers had several topical songs addressed to guests much in the public eye. There was one entitled "So Long, Leslie," to the air of "So Long, Mary," which was intended for Secretary Shaw, who is soon to leave the cabinet.

There were songs addressed to Messrs. Roosevelt, Tillman and Taft, and the big secretary of war had an exciting introduction for his speech. This was in the form of an act entitled "Cuba," which gave the Gridiron club's idea of how the secretary of war had settled the trouble in the island. A club member made up to represent Mr. Taft suddenly entered, making much noise and carrying what seemed to be a red hot stove.

"Well, Mr. Taft," inquired the presiding officer, "what are you going to do with that junk you are carrying around?"

"This is the Cuban situation," remarked Taft, dropping the stove as he rubbed his burned hands, "and I am going to leave it on the front steps of the White House."

"Unless all the battleships are out of commission the chances are that you won't find anybody at home," said the presiding officer.

"Well," said Taft, "I've got to go back to more peaceful things, such as suspending orders about negro troops, so I'll leave it here."

With that the counterfeit secretary of war rushed from the room amid cries of "Stop that man!"

The presiding officer, in perplexity, asked what should be done with the troublesome question, and a club member answered:

"This is a horse on us, and we ought to meet the emergency by establishing a stable government."

A club member made up to represent Judge Magoon was forced to sit on the stove while a band of Cuban insurgents danced around waving machetes. It was proposed that the club ignore the Cubans and fill the offices themselves. It was announced there was a meeting of the "lame ducks" of the last election on the floor below to form a Down and Out club. They were brought in to make officials for Cuba.

Two new members of the club were initiated, and this event was made the subject of a skit upon the White House tennis court, whence Attorney General Moody has been graduated to the supreme court, James R. Garfield to the interior department and A. W. Cooley to the office of assistant attorney general.

"By the way," observed one of the players, "that was funny why the president picked Oscar Straus for the cabinet?"

"What was the reason?" was asked.

"He had to do something for the Straus family. Cleveland captured Isidor, Hearst has got Nathan, and so Roosevelt had to take Oscar."

A loud knocking at the door about 11 o'clock attracted attention. An old crippled dandy, with carpetbag and umbrella, was admitted. He wanted to see the president and was presented. He also asked if Lieutenant Colonel Garlington, who recommended the dismissal of the negro battalion, was present. On being told that he was not in the room he expressed disappointment, saying Colonel Garlington was a mighty powerful, popular man with the white folk of the south. Then the old dandy suddenly broke into song, and the diners realized that Lew Dockstader was before them in burned cork, having just left the stage of the New National theater, half a block away. Mr. Dockstader had a new song, and the first verse ran as follows:

Now, William Henry Jackson went and bought a book one day;
"Twas called 'The Art of Making Love' and told him what to say.

He learned a speech three hours long to win his bride would be bride.

His dusky sweetheart listened for an hour, then she cried:

CHORUS.
Can't you spend nothin' else but this 'nuff?

Can't you do nothin' else but talk? If you can't do nothin' but burn my gas You'd better walk, man—walk!

Conversation makes me very thirsty. I can't eat words; that's true. And don't think I mean anybody else. 'Cause I mean you!

Throughout the dinner bulletins were read from the White House by different members of the club outlining possible cabinet changes.

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14 suits unfinished worsted in black only—sold regularly for less than \$12—Our cash sale price.....	15 doz. Men's all wool underwear—sold at \$1.50 per garment everywhere in the city—Our cash sale price.....	Low lumbermen's rubbers—sold all over at \$1.75 and \$1.85—Our cash sale price.....	Men's \$3.50 and \$3.00 shoes—Our cash sale price.....
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25 suits in gray and blue—sold regularly for not less than \$13.50—Our cash sale price.....	50 doz. all wool underwear that sells for not less than \$1.25 per garment—Our cash sale price.....	Men's 1 buckle Arties—rolled edge—worth \$1.50—Our cash sale price.....	\$4.00 Patent leather shoes—Our cash sale price.....
\$4.95	84c	\$1.25	\$3.00
25 Boys' suits with long pants—sizes 15 to 20—in double or single breasted—sold for not less than \$7.50—Our cash sale price.....	50 doz. Men's fleeced lined underwear in wool fleece—a bargain at 60c per garment—Our cash sale price while they last.....	Men's 1 buckle Arties—rolled edge—sold regularly at \$2.00—Our cash sale price.....	50 pairs Men's working shoes—sold at not less than \$2.25—Our cash sale price.....
\$4.25	38c	\$1.50	\$1.75
40 2 piece suits—sizes 4 to 16—sold regularly at \$3—Our cash sale price.....	15 doz. heavy fleeced lined underwear for ladies—good and warm—sold for not less than 60c a garment—Our cash sale price while they last.....	Men's 1 buckle Arties—not with rolled edge—sold regularly at \$1.40—Our cash sale price.....	50 pairs hand pegged working shoes—sold for not less than \$2.75 and \$2.50—Our cash sale price.....
\$1.48	38c	\$1.00	\$2.00
40 pairs Men's pants, in gray, heavy all wool—good for foundry or shop men and farmers—sold regularly at \$2 and \$2.50—Our cash sale price.....	A big line of lumbermen's rubbers—8 inch tops—every pair guaranteed—sold everywhere in the city at not less than \$2.75 per pair—Our cash sale price.....	Men's rolled edge Alaska rubbers—sold everywhere at \$1.75—Our cash sale price.....	Ladies' fancy shoes—sold for not less than \$2.75 and \$3.00—Our cash sale price.....
\$1.69	\$2.15	\$1.25	\$2.00
This is the best bargain in this city.	100 doz. Men's all wool socks—sold regularly at 25c and 35c—Our cash sale price.....	Men's plain Alaska rubbers—sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50—Our cash sale price.....	Ladies' \$2.50 and \$2.00 shoes—Our cash sale price.....
25 pairs of men's blue, all wool, heavy weight pants—would be a snap at \$3, but as sizes are broken we sell them at.....	75 doz. Men's heavy all wool white and dark gray socks—sold regularly at 50c—Our cash sale price.....	Men's plain rubbers—sold regularly at 85c—Our cash sale price.....	Ladies' \$1.75 and \$1.50 shoes—Our cash sale price.....
\$1.98	38c	60c	\$1.25
25 pairs heavy cotton mixture pants—sold regularly in our store at \$2—Our cash sale price.....	15 doz. Men's all wool over shirts broken sizes—regular prices \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50—all will go at our cash sale price.....	10 doz. Ladies' ribbed fleeced underwear—sold regularly at 30c—Our cash sale price.....	We also have a big line of boys' and children's shoes will go at cost and below.
\$1.48	\$1.19	19c	\$1.22
Men's overalls—in all sizes—sold everywhere at 60c—Our cash sale price while the last—each.....	Nothing reserved—all will go	Ladies' Alaska rubbers—regular price \$1.00—Our cash sale price.....	We also have 100 pairs of lumbermen's rubbers, sold in this city at \$1.75, but we only have sizes 9 to 11 and our cash sale price will be.....
39c		50c	5c
60 doz. Men's underwear—heavy all wool—second to none in the Eagle brand—guaranteed all wool—sold everywhere at \$1.75 per garment—Our cash sale price.....	50 doz. heavy fleeced blankets—sold at our store at 98c will go at our cash sale price.....	Ladies' 1 buckle Arties—sold everywhere in the city for not less than \$1.35—Our cash sale price.....	250 yards of outing flannel—sold regularly at 8c a yard—Our cash sale price while they last.....
\$1.19	85c	85c	4c
Overcoats for men and boys will go at about 50c on the dollar.	10 doz. Men's all wool sweaters—regular prices \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50—to clear them out.....	We have a big line of men's, ladies' and children's shoes which will be sold at cost.	All our 50c, 75c and \$1 shirts will go at 40c, 65c and 89c.
	98c		We have a full line of shoes at from 45c to \$3.00.

A Few Words the People who Send Orders for Goods to the Catalogue Houses:

Come to our store and we will sell you goods for the same prices the catalogue houses quote, and you can save freight and see what you buy. We guarantee every piece of goods sold. Come and see. We will expect everybody to attend our great sale which commences on Saturday, Dec. 15th.

Remember the place and date--Sale commences Saturday, December 15th

SOLOSKI & LEVANT

215 6th. St. Brainerd, Minnesota. 215 6th. St.

HOMELY, BUT STRONG.

The story that illustrates the position of Tariff Reformers.

In the closing hours of congress some member in the lower house in a speech on the floor told the story of a farmer engaged in milking a cow. The animal was restless and now and then would move backward or forward, and whenever she did so the man kicked her viciously on the stomach, all the time roling on with the milking. A bystander presently expressed the opinion that the milker "quit kicking the cow or let go the teat."

The story was told as illustrating the position of the Massachusetts people toward the tariff. They are receiving the benefit, so called, of protection every day of their lives, but continue to denounce the protective tariff policy. So the admonition of the congressman to Massachusetts was to "quit kicking the tariff cow or let go the teat."

The story strikes us as one of the most exactly appropriate and vividly illustrative we have ever seen and a fine specimen of homely and strong American humor. We are not surprised to find that the sensitive, superior New York Evening Post finds it coarse and rather disgusting, but fortunately most of us in this country do not carry our intellects habitually in new white kid gloves. — Richmond Leader.

Dandy's Wardrobe, 1714.

The burglary of a dandy's wardrobe meant a serious loss when it comprised, as in John Oshea's case in 1714, "a scarlet cloth suit lined with broad gold lace, lined and faced with blue; a fine cinnamon cloth suit, with plate buttons, the waistcoat fringed with a silk fringe of the same color, and a rich yellow flowered satin morning gown lined with a cherry colored satin, with a pocket on the right side." There is something a little more manly perhaps in the dress of the gallant of 1600, pictured in one of Rowland's epigrams:

Behold a most accomplished cavalier,
That the world's ape of fashions doth appear,
Walking the streets his humors to disclose
In the French doublet and the German hose,
The muffs, cloake, Spanish hat, Toledo blade,
Italian ruffe, a shoe right Flemish made.
There seems to have been no foolish prejudice against foreign made goods in 1600.—London Chronicle.

The Betel Nut.

Chewing the betel nut in Siam, being a common habit, at every little distance as you go through the bazaar of Bangkok may be seen petty merchants busy making and selling the preparation so universally manifested. The leaves in which the prepared mixture is wrapped are from a vine known as the chavica betel. The nut is from

Two Thoughts.

"I want a business suit now," said Slopy. "I was thinking of something in the way of a small plaid."
"And I," replied the tailor, "can't help thinking of something in the way of a small check." — Philadelphia Ledger.

Enormous Lifting Power.

The shellless limpet pulls 1,984 times its own weight when in the air and about double when measured in the water. Fleas pull 1,493 times their own dead weight. The Mediterranean cockle, Venus verrucosa, can exert a pulling power equal to 2,071 times the weight of its own body. So great is the power possessed by the oyster that to open it a force equal to 1,319.5 times the weight of its shellless body is required. If the human being possessed strength as great in proportion as that of these shellfish the average man would be able to lift the enormous weight of 2,976,000 pounds, pulling in the same degree as the limpet. And if the man pulled in the same proportionate degree as the cockle he would sustain a weight of no less than 3,100,500 pounds.

No home safe without Dr. Adler's Treatment.

A bottle in the house keeps the whole family regular and prevents appendicitis. Johnson's Pharmacy.

THE DAILY DISPATCH.

By **INGERBOLL & WIELAND.**

Entered at the post-office at Brainerd, Minn., as second class matter.

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One Month, Forty Cents
One Year \$4.00 in advance.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1906.

Weather

Forecast—Fair; warmer tonight Thursday possibly showers south portion.

A WOMAN has laid claim to the throne of China and her name is not Storer.

AT THE present season of the year the small boy questions whether or not it is more blessed to give than to receive.

ROOSEVELT still insists that he will not accept a third term and Bryan smiles. The idea seems to please him immensely.

BE patient with the mail man these days, his burdens are heavy and his feet weary in "delivering the goods" that make others happy.

THE St. Cloud land office is a thing of the past, business having been closed there at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and transferred to Duluth.

THE Wadena Pioneer notes that that city is in good shape financially but adds that the electric plant is not responsible for the condition, the statement being made that it is a losing proposition.

THE Duluth candidate for speaker of the house of representatives has retired from the race and it seems to be conceded that the Minneapolis candidate, Johnson, is the winner. The name indicated that to start with.

ONE of the Vanderbilts was recently in an automobile accident and he was thrown into a lake, and as the name of the lake happened to be "Success" an exchange enviously remarks that he couldn't land anywhere else even by accident.

A WHITE pine tree was cut near Cass Lake which is claimed to be the largest ever cut in the west. The tree was six feet in diameter, and the first of the five logs it was cut into scaled 3,000 feet. Experts claim the tree was 425 years old. As Captain Bernard is in Washington attending to drainage matters we do not know who sent the story out.

The Weakness of Old Age

AS the years go by the blood gets thin, watery and impure, and fails to supply the nourishment required to keep vitality at high-water mark. Circulation gets bad, and the nervous system suffers. Besides the pains and aches, besides the weakness and dizziness, there are feelings of numbness, which tell of the approach of paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

Judging from the experience of the thousands of old people who have tested Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills, they seem to be exactly suited to overcome these conditions, consequent on old age.

Unlike ordinary medicines, Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are entirely restorative in action, and cure by forming new, firm flesh and tissue, and building up the system. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. The portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

H. P. DUNN & CO.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Sweet catawba at Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

James A. Long came down from Cross Lake today.

Get your storm sash at D. M. Clark & Co's. 134tf

Geo. McCone, of Glendive, Mont., is in the city today.

Fine port wine for sale by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

C. F. Greenwood, was in the city today on business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's 165tf

F. Knowles, of Staples, was a visitor at Brainerd today.

Books for boys and girls at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

W. P. Locke was down from Longville yesterday afternoon.

Fine peach brandy for sale by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

P. J. McKeon came down from Big Falls today on business.

Invalid chairs for rent at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

W. H. Hallett, of Pequot, was in the city on business yesterday.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

D. M. Mahon, of Aitkin, was transacting business in the city today.

Children's books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

J. L. Smith is in the city from Minneapolis on a big land deal.

25 misfit carpets for sale at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

Dr. Biese was called to Fort Ripley yesterday afternoon on business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

W. N. and Charles Holbrook, of N. utral, were in the city today.

A great variety of Juvenile books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

J. G. Millim, of Baudette, Minn., was transacting business here today.

Sachet powder and toilet waters at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Harry Wilson, of Anoka, was a business visitor at Brainerd yesterday.

New fall line rugs, carpets and wall paper at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

Thabes Bros. have been having their office painted and otherwise fitted up.

Holly for sale at Cale's. 1t

Attorney A. B. Church, of Staples, is transacting business in Brainerd today.

Holly for sale at Cale's. 1t

Attorney Cashman, of Staples, was in the city this forenoon on business.

California Brandy always kept in stock by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

W. E. Holton and W. J. Murphy, of St. Cloud was in the city today on business.

Do not fail to see the line of new books at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

Clifford Starry and Tom Youmans, of Northwood, Iowa, were in the city today.

Evergreen roping and Holly for decorations at Baker's meat market. 169t4

Fred A. Brower, of Fargo, was looking after business matters in Brainerd today.

Svenska punch can always be gotten at Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

R. Klem and J. Fletcher, of Staples, were transacting business in the city today.

A package of perfume is a suitable gift for a lady, a beautiful line at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

John Hurley is in St. Joseph's hospital for treatment. He is suffering from a severe cold.

Sawed wood for sale at Haye's livery, pine, oak and tamarack. 166tf

James M. Patterson, of Mortonville, Minn., has been transacting business in the city today.

Willard Lincoln, master mechanic for the Northern Pacific at Staples, was in the city last night.

Guns, ammunition and sporting goods See the new Remington automatic guns at D. M. Clark & Cos. 72t

Louis Goreffo and wife came down from Cass Lake today. They have been visiting their son there.

Get your masques for the Court of Honor dance at King's. 166t5

Only four more shopping days before Christmas. Then the clerks will draw a full breath once more.

Perfumes and atomizers at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Rev. F. E. Higgins, of Bemidji, the lumber jack Evangelist, was in the city today enroute to the twin cities.

Beautiful line of toilet and manicure sets at prices that are right at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

The tickets are on sale for the Elk's entertainment Sunday and are being rapidly taken. The program will probably be ready for publication in a day or two.

C. A. Pigeon, clerk of the supreme court, was in the city this morning in company with J. R. Armstrong, of St. Paul, on a land deal.

S. L. Cuskely, of Dickinson, N. D., is in the city. Mr. Cuskely at one time a patient in the Northern Pacific Sanitarium, and came down to visit friends here.

You can get many valuable suggestions by looking in the windows of H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

There will be a special meeting of the board of education tonight to allow the pay rolls for December in order that the teachers may have their money for the holidays.

Gilmer & Welsh are moving their Globe saloon into the William Woods building on Laurel street. The old Globe building will be vacant for the first time in many years.

Clem Thompson and sons Earl and Leon, and Frank Muzzy, of Motley, are in the city today on business. They expect from here to go to Barsto, Texas, to make their future home.

Oscar Carlson, John Oberg, John Engman and Carl E. Carlson, who have been down from Deerwood attending court in the capacity of witnesses, returned to their homes this morning.

It was stated at the council meeting Monday night that it was hoped to have the books and blanks for the new system of book keeping for the city here by Christmas. A sort of Christmas present to the city officers, so to speak.

Bishop Morrison and Rev. M. Parsons, of Duluth, were in the city today enroute home from Leech lake to Duluth. Mr. Parsons has taken up the work among the Indians, replacing Archdeacon Appleby, who has been transferred to other work on account of poor health.

Don't wait till that cough of yours settles on your lungs and may turn into pneumonia or consumption. Take Skaugs's Never Cough which clears the lungs, opens up the air passages and instantly relieves the cold in your head. A few doses will prove it. Fully guaranteed by Olaf Skaugs, the Laurel street druggist. 158tf

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Jessie Swartz, of this city and George Morton, of St. Paul. The bride-to-be, is a daughter of M. K. Swartz and has lived practically her entire life in Brainerd. The groom was formerly a clerk in Mr. Swartz drug store and is well liked here. The happy event will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swartz, 19 Bluff avenue north, Monday evening, December 31, at 8 o'clock.

SUTTON DEFEATS HOPPE.

Successfully Defends His Title to the Championship.

New York, Dec. 19.—George Sutton still holds the world's championship at 18.2 balkline billiards, having successfully defended the title, which he won from George Slosson a few months ago, against the challenge of Willie Hoppe, who holds the world's championship at 18.1 game.

The contest, which took place in the big hall of the Grand Central Palace, was rather disappointing, as young Hoppe did not play up to the standard expected of him. He was the favorite, but from the beginning seemed to be off his play and only in two innings did he show anything like his championship form.

Sutton jumped into the lead at the start and with 107 and 50 in the first two innings secured an advantage which the younger player could not overcome. Sutton was in fine form but at times he seemed ill at ease. The score was Sutton 500, Hoppe 258. Ora Morningstar of this city challenged Sutton for the 18.2 championship and Sutton agreed to play him in Chicago, thirty days hence. Sutton also challenged Hoppe for the 18.1 title and this game will be decided at the Madison Square Garden here three weeks after the Chicago game.

SAYS HUSBAND WAS POISONED.

Mrs. Neil Denies That He Had Been Stabbed.

New York, Dec. 19.—Catherine Neil, a prisoner in the Tombs, charged with the murder of her husband, Joseph Neil, an ex-prizefighter, at Greenwich, Conn., denies that the man had been stabbed with a batpin or a nail file, and said she believed that he had died from poison. At the same time Edward Greenhal, employed as counsel, announced that he would ask for another autopsy and an analysis of the contents of the stomach and of the other organs.

Mrs. Neil said her husband sent a messenger to a drug store for medicine to cure a "headache."

"Later," Mrs. Neil said, "I found him writhing on the floor and frothing at the mouth. The doctor who attended him suddenly turned to me and said: 'This man has been poisoned.'"

Boy Accidentally Killed.

Detroit, Dec. 19.—John Dorsch, aged eighteen, was killed while at work in a local stove works by being hit in the head by a poker thrown by Anthony Nagel, aged fifteen, to intimidate another boy who was teasing Nagel.

Strike Proves a Failure.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—To all appearances the strike of the motormen and conductors inaugurated here last Saturday has proven a failure. The cars are running on every line with no show of interference.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY, makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

APPLES

60 Cts Bushel
\$2.00 Barrel

Globe Hotel Building.

Delivered anywhere in the city.

The song "Holy City" (illustrated) will be sung by Nina Buchanan Haight December, 22, 24 and 25th at the Unique.

A lazy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation—weakens the whole system. Doan's Regulents (25 cents per box) correct the liver, tone the stomach cure constipation.

Sweets—Candy—Sweets

In order that everybody in Brainerd may have a chance to indulge in eating their favorite sweets at Christmas time, we have erected a most beautiful Candy Booth, in the angle of our three stores, which can be reached from either of the two 7th or Front street entrances. A young lady has been assigned this booth to take care of your wants.

We have put nothing in this booth but candies of known quality. A dainty box of confectionery makes a most pleasing Christmas offering, and is especially acceptable if it contains confections of known quality.

Every box of candy from Cale's Store assures you without question of the GOODNESS, freshness and wholesomeness of our candies. In order to appreciate the true excellence of our confections you must try one box of Cale's Cream Chocolates, Cream mixed, Butter Cups and rich Bon Bons, Etc., the highest achievement of candy art, the realization of the ideal confections. Every morsel is a surprise, every delicate shade of flavor lies beneath a rich coat of dressing. If your taste craves the elaborate or more simple confection, bon bons or hard candy, we are willing that you may be judge. New dainty Christmas boxes may be had filled to suit your taste without extra cost.

To serve the people best, we will furnish schools and churches fancy mixed candies, in lots of 10 pounds or more, at 7c the pound; also other candies, fruits and nuts, at reduced prices.

Christmas is the world's Giving Day—be one of the world and give your friends a Christmas offering.

Yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

L. J. CALE'S
Department Store.

Losey & Deans

Hand Painted Postals, Carbons, Water Colors, and Fac Similes in the new style frames. The following subjects we will sell at *Just what they cost us*:

The Miners Hut, an Alaska scene, Crossing the Desert, Vesper Bells, The Lone Arab, The Cobbler, Young Motherhood. These are all works of art and splendid values, but don't wish to carry them over.

WHITE BROS.

Hunting season is over, next thing is

XMAS

and while you are looking for Presents, Don't forget that we have a fine line from which to choose.

616 Laurel Street.

E. S. HOUGHTON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

BEST AND LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY.

Cut Glass—There is nothing better than a piece of Cut Glass for a holiday present. We have the finest line in the city.

Sterling Silver—You can get all the latest novelties here at lower prices than others charge.

Ebony Goods—As complete a line as can be found in large cities. We have all the late novelties.

Hand Engraving—We make a specialty of hand engraving of monograms, etc., on all goods sold, when desired.

Silver Hollow Ware—We have an up-to-date line of these goods, all in the noblest designs, just received.

Fine Umbrellas—Sterling Silver and gold filled handles of the new patterns. Every one wants one for Christmas.

Hand Painted China—We have a stock of these goods that cannot be equalled for beauty of design or elegance of finish.

Watches—We have the largest and best stock ever shown here. Solid and filled cases. Prices and Quality guaranteed.

Jewelry—You should see our new stock. Never before was anything as fine seen in Brainerd. Rings, chains, bracelets, etc. etc.

An Elegant Line of Diamonds for the Holiday Trade.

E. S. HOUGHTON, Jeweler,

Bank Block, 6th Street.

MANN BROS.

Special for Thursday

Dates	Fresh Stock	8c
Figs	California, 1 pound packages	10c
Figs	Imported, per pound	20c
Mixed Nuts	per pound	16c
Raisins	Layer, Large Cluster	25c
Mince Meat	Home Made	12c
Sweet Cider	per gallon	25c
Grape Fruit	large	10c
Oranges	Navale, per dozen	30c
Oranges	Florida, per dozen	40c
Lemons	per dozen	30c
Grapes	Fancy Malaga, per pound	25c
Apples	per peck	25c
Sweet Potatoes	Jerseys, 6 pounds for	25c
Corn Meal	sack	20c
Graham Flour	sack	25c
Buck Wheat	10 pound sack	40c
Sausage	Little Pig, per pound	15c
Bacon	Loon Backs, 1 can per pound	16c
Lard	per pound	12c

Special prices on Mixed Candy by the pail.

AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre

The patrons of the Brainerd opera house are promised a treat in the rendition of "A Noble Outcast" by the Brainerd Amateur Dramatic Club Friday night, and in addition to witnessing a play of thrilling interest, they will have the pleasure of listening to one of the best speakers who ever delighted a Brainerd audience, as the services of the inimitable Col. C. D. Johnson have been placed at the disposal of the management, and he will give a talk between the acts. Senator Alderman is also expected to assist by singing a new song that is bound to become popular, and the whole evening will be made a memorable one to Brainerd theatergoers. Seats may be reserved tomorrow morning at Dunn's Drugstore.

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

Don't Forget The Small Ones

I am a small dealer and cannot offer you car loads of anything but I have a few things very suitable for a present such as art squares, lounges, bedding, bureaus, chiffoniers, silverware, tableware, razors, pocketknives, trunks, satchels, handbags, doll carriages, skis, dynamos, working boxes, etc. Moderate prices. E. J. ROHNE, 719 Laurel.

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If I were Santa Claus I would know exactly what to give every boy and girl. I would give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It's the greatest medicine in the world; a never-ceasing wonder. 35 cents. H. P. Dunn & Co.

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

Children's books including John Dough and the Cherub, Land of Oz, Foxy Grand Pa series, etc., at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

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BIG CONTRACT

FOR LATH BOLTS

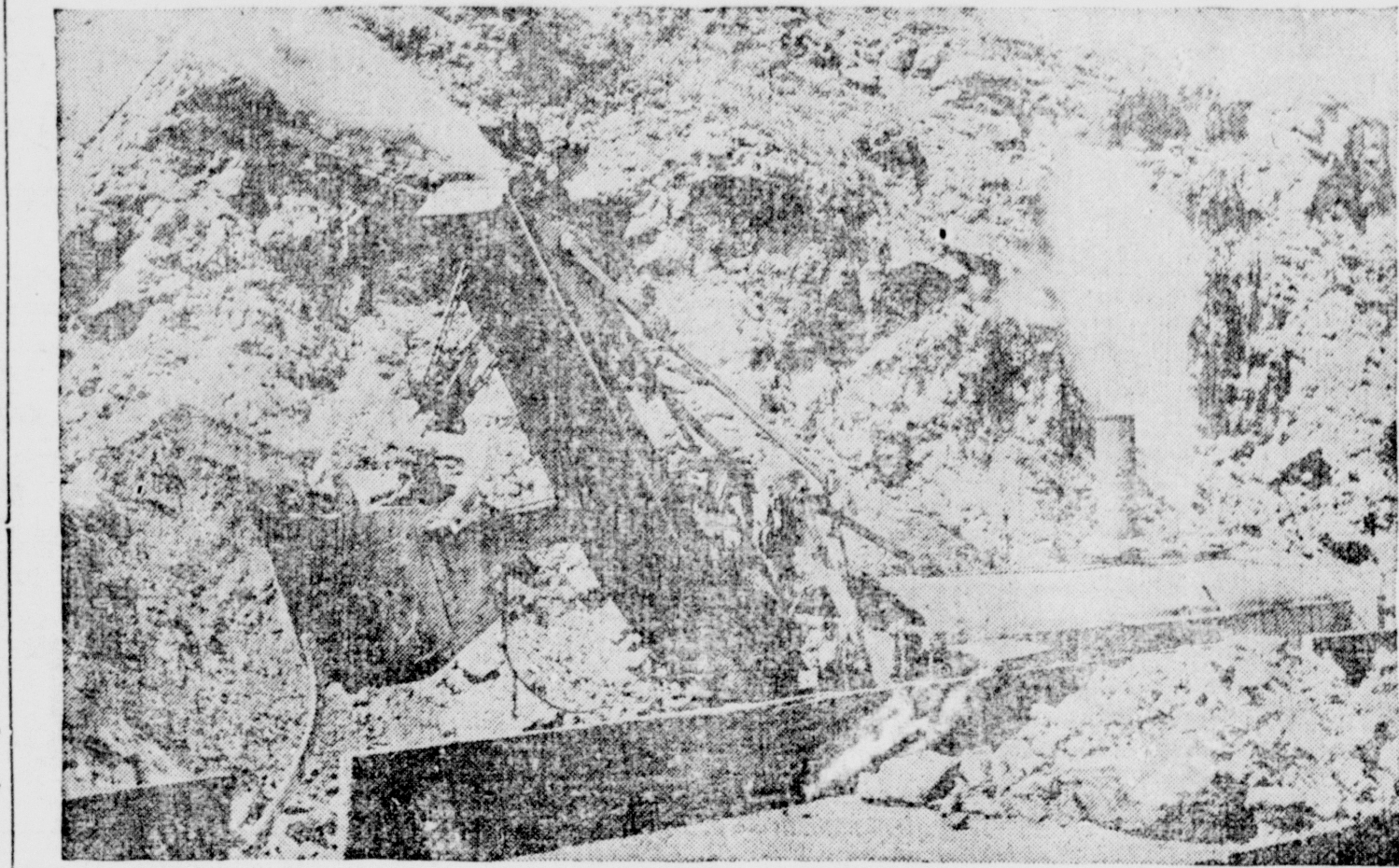
Wood & Polk Let Contract to Denny McMann for 6,000 Cords

MACHINERY IS ALL HERE

In a Couple of Weeks the Mill Will be Ready to go into Commission

Wood & Polk closed a contract today for 6,000 cords of lath bolts for summer delivery. They will be rafted down the Mississippi and taken from the river at this point. They have also made arrangements for bolts to be shipped down the M. & L. and will have stock on hand as soon as the mill is ready for operation. The last of the machinery has arrived and will be in place in about two weeks.

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf
Holly for sale at Cale's. 1t



From photograph illustrating the president's Panama message.

STEAM SHOVEL AT WORK IN BAS OPISPO CUT.

COURT ADJOURNED

The District Court Adjourned Last Night to Convene Wednesday, January, 2, 1907.

The jury in the case of Thabes vs. Elmore returned a verdict against Elmore for \$150, without interest. After this verdict was received the court adjourned to Wednesday, January 1907. Wm. Peterson, who had pleaded guilty to the theft of an overcoat from the National Hotel, was sentenced to nine months in Stillwater and was taken there today by Sheriff Erickson.

KILLS HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

Indiana Man Angered Because She Struck His Daughter.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 19.—Angered because his housekeeper struck his daughter, John Morello of Diamond, Ind., shot and killed the woman and then fatally wounded himself. While on the way to the station a mob nearly succeeded in taking Morello from the officers.

Come to us and we will help you to solve your Xmas gifts problems in our up-to-date stock. H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Sudden Death

Sunday evening Miss Cassie Coblentz was busy about her house work and complained of not feeling well, when she started to go and lie down and feel. Her brother Tobias hastened to pick her up and laying her on the bed she only breathed two or three times.

Miss Coblentz was nearly seventy-four years of age. Had lived in this community for about twenty years and was respected by all. Thus one by one the friends of the old pioneers of Cass county are passing to that great unknown land from whence none return.

Funeral services were conducted from the church by the Rev. Garrett of the first Baptist church of Brainerd Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment in the Pillager cemetery.—Pillager Post.

Public Speaker Interrupted.

Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures coughs and colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

D. M. Clark & Co., only installment house in city, goods sold on easy terms 261tf

A. E. Moberg

218 South Seventh Street.

Timely Suggestions to Gift Buyers

Useful Presents Most Acceptable

Silks and Wool Dress Goods

Remember that we show the best and strongest numbers in warranted silks in all the widths, from 75c to \$1.50 a yard; we are also showing a very extensive assortment of the newest weaves in wool dress goods in blacks, plain colors also stripes, plaids, checks, all the most popular fabrics produced this season, as low in price as you have ever seen them, notwithstanding the recent great advanced in the wool market.

Table Linens, Towels, Napkins

From the best Looms at Moderate Prices

Bed Spreads, Quilts and Blankets

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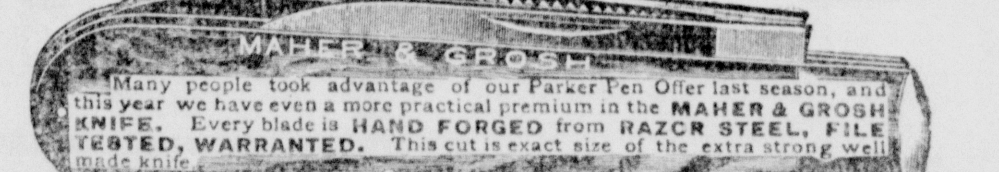
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A Mona Lisa Incident.

"Very gratifying," said a young and conceited novelist. "A gentleman writes me that he took a copy of my last work to read during a railway journey, and as a result suddenly discovered he had gone twenty miles beyond his destination." "Dear me," commented the young author's friend; "sleeping in trains is a bad habit!"

How It Was Done.

"Oh," remarked the first fox hunter, "you should have seen Mr. Nuritch take that high hedge!" "You surprise me," exclaimed the other. "I thought the horse he rode wasn't much of a jumper." "Oh, the horse didn't take the hedge! Mr. Nuritch did it alone."—Philadelphia Press

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The Inscrutable Bismarcks.

Herbert Bismarck had none of his father's bright wit in conversation, but had his overbearing temper and his mother's violent insubility. She had the disposition of the Frankish woman as exemplified in Fredegonda, but held in check by modern conditions. Bismarck in anger was as terrible as a ferocious mastiff. She, far from restraining him, kept on saying: "Good dog, tss-s-s-s." or tantamount words. The mastiff that lay below the surface in Bismarck grew more and more infuriated, especially if the evening before he had eaten and drunk copiously. With these parents, Herbert, Jane and Bill Bismarck could not be expected to have courteous manners. Herbert, who was no stranger in Paris and whom the fond father hoped one day to send there as ambassador, was bulky, sullen and of a complexion that revealed an angry state of the blood. Gambetta said of him, "He reminds me of a limb of the law hardened to the work of laying on executions—in short, of a low class bailiff (recors)."—London Truth.

The Machine Worker.

The American boy is thoroughly imbued with the get-rich-quick spirit, whether in a greater or lesser degree. The learning of a trade is too slow, too tedious and offers too little immediate inducement. Why should he work as an apprentice at 4 to 8 cents an hour after reaching the age of seventeen or eighteen when he can earn 10 to 15 cents at piecework running a machine? Once he has entered the door of the pieceworker shop the boy is doomed to the pieceworker's life. Once the machine gets its grip upon him he never escapes. The rare exception only proves the rule. Not only does the monotony of the reduplicative work upon which he enters choke his ambition and devalue his life, but usually he enters upon this narrow life work with very little equipment and a view bounded by a horizon equally narrow. There is little to develop, even when there is some ambition to begin with.—O. M. Becker in Engineering Magazine.

The Facts.

The One—And you say this horse hasn't any faults? The Other—Not a single fault. The One—But he appears to be blind in his right eye. The Other—Well, that's not his fault; it's his misfortune.—Chicago News.

His Literary Bent.

"Father, when I leave school I am going to follow my literary bent and write for money." "Humph! My son, you ought to be successful. That's all you've done since you've been at school."

Seven In the Bible.

The number seven plays a prominent part in events in the Bible. The creation took six days, and on the seventh there was rest. On the seventh day of the seventh month a holy observance was ordained, and the Israelites fasted seven days and rested seven days. Noah had seven days' warning of the flood, and the seven years of plenty were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven fat beasts, as were the seven years by seven lean beasts. We speak of the seven heavens, and the seventh son was supposed to be endowed with pre-eminent wisdom. In short, there is no other number which enters into the Bible so often as seven. No doubt the wide popularity of the number and the superstitions which are connected with it came from its wide use in the Bible.

Woman's Opportunity.

Meeting a negro, a certain southern gentleman asked him how he was getting on. The negro assumed a troubled look and replied:

"Oh, so far's physicality goes I'm all right, but I sure do have ma troubles wif ma wife."

"Well, Sam, I'm sorry to hear that. What seems to be the matter?"

"She thinks money grows on trees, I reckon. All de time she keeps pesterin' me for pinch o' change. If it ain't a dollar it's half or a quarter she wants."

"What on earth does she do with the money?"

"I dunno. Ain't nevah give her none yet."—Philadelphia Ledger.

HOTELKEEPER ROBBED.

Bandits Then Set Fire to Hotel to Conceal Crime.

Middletown, O., Dec. 19.—Fire, which it is said was started to hide the traces of robbery and possible murder, practically destroyed the Rommel House here.

C. T. Powers, proprietor of the hotel, was found bound and gagged near the furnace in the basement and was saved from probable death by heroic work on the part of the firemen.

Earl Albertson, a boarder, was cremated in his room, on the second floor and several other boarders had narrow escapes.

Powers had been hit on the back of the head and rendered unconscious. He revived partially, but is only conscious at brief intervals and his condition is critical. Powers was known to have a large amount of money on his person and this and his watch were taken from him.

It is often better not to see an insult than to avenge it.—Seneca.

RAILROAD NEWS

Items of Interest Regarding Railroads
and Railroad Employees

LOANS CARS TO N. P.

The Duluth, Missaba & Northern railway company today made arrangements to lend the Northern Pacific company 500 steel ore cars and six locomotives, which will be used in conveying coal from the head of the lakes to points in North Dakota, where there is a fuel famine. Each of the ore cars is of fifty tons' capacity.

The loan includes two big switch engines, which will be used in making up trains at the Duluth terminals. The equipment is to be returned when the coal scarcity has been relieved.

COMPARATIVE CAR SHORTAGE

The state railroad and warehouse commission has made a statement of the grain and car conditions in Minneapolis and Duluth, showing the car shortage in Minnesota during September, October and November of the present year compared with the same period a year ago.

It shows that during September, October and November of 1905 there were brought into Duluth and Minneapolis 105,496 cars of all kinds of grain.

For the same period of the present year the cars totaled 84,284.

This is a decrease of 21,212 cars. Minneapolis' falling off is much more apparent than that of Duluth.

The number of bushels per car this year was 1,063, while last year there were only 1,060.

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Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

Two Poor Ones.

During one of Edwin Forrest's engagements in Boston a poor artist called several times to see the great actor at the old Winthrop House. Each time he brought a picture which he had painted. He finally left it with a note stating that he was in needy circumstances. Forrest read the note and took the wrapping from the picture. It proved to be a painting of himself as Spartacus. Forrest gazed upon it a moment and then ejaculated to the clerk: "Give him \$10. If he is as poor as his picture, he must be on the point of starvation."

BACK GIVES OUT

Plenty of Brainerd Readers Have This Experience

You tax the kidneys—overwork them—

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The back gives out—it aches and pains;

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Brainerd people tell you how they act. David Northrup, of 918 Front St., Brainerd, Minn., says: "Backache and kidney complaint were of short duration in my case after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at H. P. Dunn & Co.'s drug store. There has been a dull steady aching in my back and lameness across the loins. It only required one box of Doan's Kidney Pills to regulate the action of the kidneys to a normal condition, remove the backache and impart tone and strength to the parts affected. From the results I obtained I believe any sufferer from kidney complaint will find in Doan's Kidney Pills a most valuable remedy."

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Beardson Tree was once endeavoring to get a well known actor back into his company. Tree received the man in his dressing room as he was making up. "How much would you want to come back to me?" inquired Mr. Tree, busy with his paint pots. The other named an exorbitant salary, to which Tree merely retorted as he went on making up, "Don't slam the door when you go out, will you?"

Food Commissioner's Report.

The Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission's analysis shows that Kidney's Laxative Honey and Tar and Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar contained opiates and croton oil. Opiates are poisons and croton oil is a violent poisonous purgative. Refuse to accept any but Foley's Honey and Tar in a yellow package. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates or dangerous drugs and is the best cough and cold cure. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

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KNOWN AS A FREE TRADER.

Bryan Remains the Knight Errant of Tariff Reform.

It is impossible to discern in the near future any question of importance on which the Democratic party can concentrate with any prospect of cohesion except that of the tariff. Its only chance of positive expression is to oppose protection—in other words, to champion low duties in the interest of free trade. Yet when it does that it will inevitably face dissension in its own ranks, for many earnest Democrats are sturdy believers in protection. It is not flattering to the sincerity of the party's professions, but it is a fact that some Democrats stood by its ticket in the last national campaign notwithstanding the platform denunciation of protection as robbery, because at heart they did not believe the party meant it. The like has happened before, as, for instance, when Democrats voted the national ticket because Grover Cleveland was on it and not because they approved the platform.

Mr. Bryan is known as a free trader. The principal speech made by him when a member of congress was against protection in any form. The platform on which he has stood and which have been mainly of his making have been hostile to protection. He has vehemently declared that he has nothing to take back of anything he has said in the past, which leaves him ranked unmistakably with the free traders, and though of late he has been silent on the subject, explaining his course by saying he will discuss the issue later, no one is in any real doubt as to his views. The point of criticism is that he is not straightforward in defining his position at a time when outspoken advocacy of a principle might seriously affect his own or his party's prospects. There is a suggestion of disingenuousness here which does not harmonize with the professions of political honesty made in his behalf.

But whether Mr. Bryan talks about the tariff or keeps quiet on that matter the record is made, and if things so turn as to make him again the Demo-

cratic presidential nominee the country must once more face squarely the determination by the Democratic party to overturn the existing economic advantages in the form of the marvelous industrial development of the country, the unparalleled growth of our foreign trade and the general prosperity of the people. In all probability the fight will turn chiefly on that issue in any event, but it will be additionally fierce with Mr. Bryan as the Democratic standard bearer, for in his party's frantic efforts to have the country forget his cheap currency championship it will redouble its zeal to prove him a knight errant of "tariff reform."—Troy Times.

There Was No Ground Floor.

The president very properly congratulates Secretary Shaw on his success in placing the Panama canal loan, but he doesn't have a word of sympathy for the many bankers who tried to get in on the ground floor and found there was none.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Change of Sentiment.

A significant sign of the times is the change of sentiment in the south in respect to the tariff. Its economic views are now colored largely by the new industrial conditions that have grown up in recent years. It was observed that representatives of the rice and sugar interests opposed Cuban reciprocity and are against the Philippine tariff bill. The cattle raisers of Texas are opposed to removing the duty from foreign cattle or the duty on hides. The state of Alabama has developed a strong protectionist sentiment since the building up of large factory interests in that state. Old fashioned Democratic free trade is still mouthed by southern representatives in congress, but there are Democratic free traders even in the largest industrial centers of the north.—N.Y. Star.

We know accurately when we know little. With knowledge doubt increases.—Goethe.

Passed Examination Successfully. James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

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MARKING OREGON TRAIL

Pioneer Retracing His Journey of Over Fifty Years Ago.

NINETEEN MONUMENTS ERECTED.

Driving an Ox Team, as in His Youth, Ezra Meeker of Puyallup, Wash., Has Placed Them at Regular Intervals Along His Route—He Marvels at Change Time Has Wrought in Former Wilderness.

Slowly making its way across Iowa on its course to Indianapolis is one of the most curious expeditions the west ever saw, writes a Burlington (Ia.) correspondent of the Kansas City Star. It consists of an ox team hitched to a canvas topped prairie schooner and driven by a sturdy pioneer of seventy-six years.

The driver is Ezra Meeker of Puyallup, Wash. He has made the entire trip from the coast over the course he took fifty-four years ago, when he went west from Indianapolis. For years it has been his dream to retrace his path, and now he is finishing the journey.

The long trip has been both a personal enjoyment and in the interest of history. He has marked off the old Oregon trail, traveled by thousands and thousands in the pioneer days. At regular intervals along his route he has, with the aid of people from whom he and others blazed the way, erected suitable monuments to mark the trail, so that he who comes after will be able to pick out without difficulty the trail of his forefathers.

The plan of operation was simple. Mr. Meeker marked the place and then called upon the people of the city or town near where he desired to leave a mark to erect a monument, and in every case they responded. The size of the monument has depended upon the liberality of the donors. From Washington to Omaha nineteen monuments have been erected.

Since leaving Washington 20,000 persons have contributed to the erection of monuments. In Baker City, Ore., the monument was erected by contributions received from 800 school children, and these were all present when the monument was dedicated. At Boise, Ida., Mr. Meeker was given a most cordial reception. At the invitation of the city officers he camped for several days beside the postoffice. He spoke to the public school children of his object, and 1,200 contributed to purchase the granite monument which will mark the place where the old timers passed through what is now a thriving city. The governor of the state and the other state officers insisted that the slab be erected on the statehouse yard, and it was in the presence of more than 3,000 persons, the state officers participating in the exercises. The monument at this place is twelve feet high.

To erect a monument at the summit of South pass Mr. Meeker traveled eighty-four miles from a postoffice, and twenty-four persons who reside in the neighborhood were the only witnesses to the historical event. These interested people, with Mr. Meeker, inscribed the stone themselves. It stands on the irrigation survey near Sweetwater and is 7,540 feet above the sea level, probably the highest monument in the United States.

In most of the towns and places where monuments have been erected Mr. Meeker stays to see the work done, but in some instances he has turned the matter over to a local committee appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Meeker, accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Bertha Templeton, left Puyallup, Wash., Jan. 29, 1906, and has made the trip by easy stages. His old fashioned prairie schooner is fitted up for housekeeping, and in it he spends his days and nights as comfortably as in his own beautiful home in the western state. He has not been sick, he said, for fifty-four years, and he looks it. In fact, he looks as though he never knew what sickness was. He is strong and rugged and apparently capable of enduring any kind of hardship. He will reach Indianapolis in time for a Christmas dinner with friends of his boyhood. In appearance Ezra Meeker is the typical pioneer. He is tall and straight, notwithstanding his seventy-six years and his hard life on the plains. His hair and beard are white and long, making him conspicuous in any crowd.

"The changes that have been made," said the traveler, "are marvelous. No imagination can conceive it. The entire face of the country is changed. With the exception of about 300 miles through the Rocky mountains the country is thickly settled, but even in this country things are changed. The vegetation has changed. The old buffalo grass is no more, and other grasses have come on to take its place. The country I passed through more than fifty-four years ago is nothing like the country I am going over today. Mountains, rivers, valleys, prairies, hills, all are different. It seems impossible for me to realize that the vast wilderness we traveled over such a short time ago is now built up with magnificent cities and villages, and the never ending prairies have been transformed into great forests and elegant homesteads. The increase in the number of forests is wonderful to me. We traveled days without seeing a tree, and now the entire way almost is shady."

In Lincoln, Neb., one of his oxen died, and he stayed for some weeks before he could find another. Much of his foregone is from the vehicle in which he went west in 1852.

through Death valley. Our water gave out, and we were for two days and a night without a drop. We at once separated, my partner going on to try to find water and I staying with the burros. We managed to keep alive by drinking all the condensed milk we had, sucking canned fruit and utilizing every bit of moisture we could get. But the poor burros had a terrible time. "We found a wretched burro that had been abandoned by a prospector named Bethune. It had been two weeks without water. During all that time it had only gone a little way. When I found it the poor thing was tottering and ready to fall. It was nothing but skin and bones. Its eyes were great hollows, and its kidneys were sunken. The skin seemed just to hang on the skeleton. I couldn't give it any water. I had just enough to save my own life. I stayed there with the poor beast until it died. It tottered over and fell very soon. I felt so badly that I cried when it died.

"We got to water finally, and I hurried back to find my partner. He had fallen in with a band of wandering Indians. They had generously given him water from their own supply and saved his life. We got back at length to Greenwater after recording our claims. We did not lose a foot of ground in our original locations. We never had a contest on any of them.

"Once, however, some adventurers tried to jump one of our claims. My partner had gone for the mail, and I was alone in camp. Three men arrived and stated their intention to stake out our claim. I said nothing until the men laid down their arms and began to stake out the claim, when I drew my gun and told them I proposed to die right there rather than let them steal our hard earned property. They seemed convinced by my arguments, and I then offered to guide them to another place where there were good copper showings. They accepted my offer and have since made a lot of money out of the property I showed them."

When Birney got out to civilization the world knows the rest—how the millionaire mining magnates of the country promptly "fell for" Greenwater, came tearing out in private cars and began gobbling up mines. Furnace creek, where the mines are, is one of the cheerful names given to geographical points about Death valley. The Greenwater country was named many years ago by the Indians from a tiny spring whose water when it runs at all is tinged green from copper ore.

Two railroads are now rushing for that picturesque section. Borax Smith's new road will come to the Lila C. mine, about twenty miles away. Senator Clark is already at work on an extension of his Beatty railroad to swing round into Ash Meadows, then to Beatty. This millionaire copper trust has bought up the Ash Meadows creek, where the water runs warm. An enormous pumping plant will be erected there to supply the waterless town of Greenwater.

Arrangements have already been made to erect big smelters near Greenwater, and all the ore of the millionaires will probably be developed near by. If the whole truth were written about the wonderful ledges of copper which have been uncovered this would sound like a mining prospectus. The camp has already made scores of men rich.

The other afternoon a little knot of new made bondholders, all from Greenwater, met in a cafe one of the big Los Angeles hotels and began opening things to quench their desert thirst. Enough of the "imprisoned laughter of the girls of France" was released to make a ha, ha heard all the way to Greenwater. Every man who paid for a bottle spurned the change. The barkeeper is packing up for Greenwater. It all sounds like some fantastic dream.

Birney has been for a long pleasure tour through Europe on the small change of his share of the big find. But the first thing after he landed in the United States last October he felt the mysterious call of the desert again and rushed back to Greenwater, from which he only returned a short time ago. His home is in Spokane. He feels nevertheless a keen interest in Los Angeles.

"I can't understand," he said, "how the merchants of this city can let this thing get away from them. It is the most wonderful commercial opportunity in the world. Here it is laid right at your very door. No other city has a chance if you would reach out and take it. Los Angeles is the natural and logical port and market of that country. Why don't you reach out and stake out your claims?"

Birney, who is one of the owners and directors of the Furnace Creek Copper company, says there is no doubt at all that this consolidation of the Greenwater copper interests has been made. The arrangements are being made in New York, and the public will soon be informed to that effect. The Guggenheim brothers are to have charge of all the smelting interests of the trust.

The combination will manage the transportation and smelting of the ore, and the output from the mines will be agreed upon and kept down to a fixed maximum. As it is now, copper mines sell for more than gold mines in the desert country. The ore is said to be the richest known. It runs 15 per cent, whereas some of the richest of the Montana bonanzas run 7½ per cent.

Artificial Rubies.
A professor at the Technical High school at Berlin is reported to have invented a method of producing artificial rubies which it is impossible to distinguish from natural ones, says a Paris cable dispatch to the New York Sun. The chief material used is thermite, which is composed largely of aluminum, the basic metal of all rubies.

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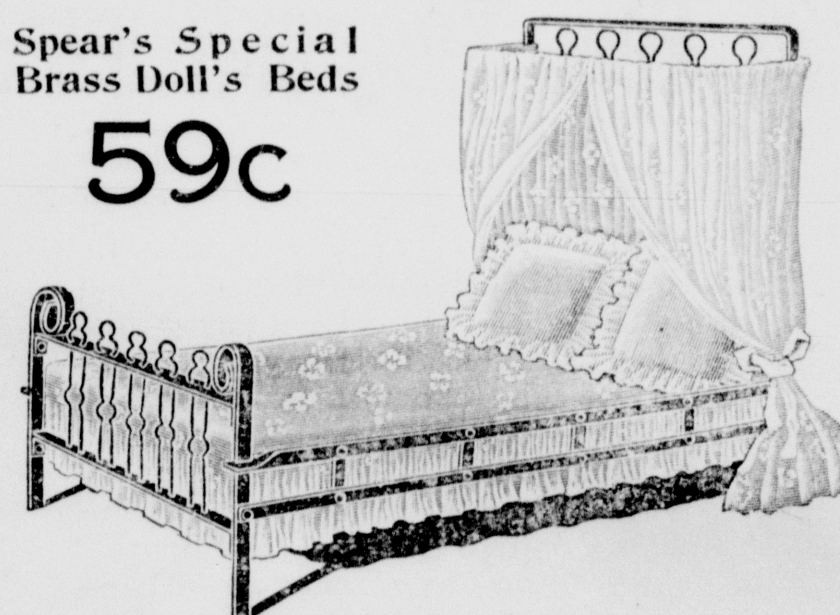
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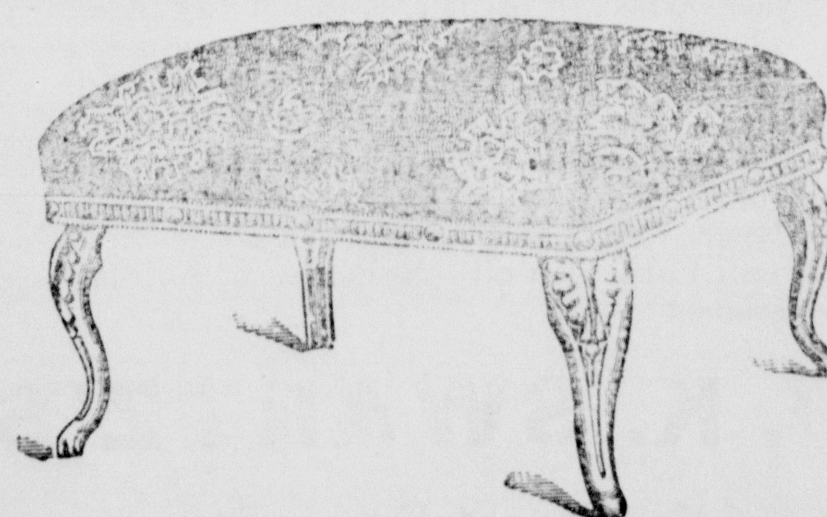
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